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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Browning et al.**Serial No.: **09/833,417**Filed: **April 12, 2001**For: **Apparatus, Method and
Computer Program Product for
Converting Simple Locks in a
Multiprocessor**§
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§Group Art Unit: **2189**Examiner: **Knoll, Clifford H.**Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920000868US1****Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.